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SUBJ: 20TH UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL--U.S. STATEMENT ON SUEZ CANAL
COST-SHARING ARRANGEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT MADE BY AMBASSADOR DALE
AT JUNE 19 AFTERNOON SESSION OF UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL FOLLOW-
ING PRESENTATION OF COST-SHARING ARRANGEMENT FOR THE RECONSTRUC-
TION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SUEZ CANAL ZONE:

2. BEGIN QUOTE: MR. PRESIDENT, THE U.S. DELEGATION FULLY SUP-
PORTS EFFORTS TO FURTHER EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROMPTLY
AND EFFECTIVELY. WE SEE THE RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE
SUEZ CANAL REGION AS AN ELEMENT OF HIGHEST PRIORITY IN THE COUN-
TRY'S OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. OUR DELEGATION HAS STUDIED
CAREFULLY THE COST-SHARING ARRANGEMENT, FOR PLANNING THE RECON-
STRUCTION OF THIS AREA, REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT AND
PRESENTED BY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR ANDERSON FOR THE INFORMATION
OF THIS COUNCIL. THIS COST-SHARING ARRANGEMENT HAS OUR FULL SUP-
PORT CONSIDERING THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE AREA. FURTHER, THE
PROGRAM IS ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH OUR INTERESTS, FOR, AS YOU
KNOW, MR. PRESIDENT, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO PURSUE EV-
ERY OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED TO IT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE STABILITY OF
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THE WHOLE MIDDLE EAST REGION.

3. MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INDICATE THAT DURING THIS CURRENT YEAR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS PROVIDING EGYPT ASSISTANCE VALUED AT \$250 MILLION WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$120 MILLION OF PL 480 ASSISTANCE. OUR U.S. AID ADMINISTRATION, UPON THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT, WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO COORDINATE THE LARGE PORTION OF THIS AND FUTURE ASSISTANCE EARMARKED FOR CANAL ZONE RECONSTRUCTION WITH THE OVERALL UNDP PLANNING EFFORTS, EFFORTS OUTLINED IN THE COST-SHARING PROGRAM NOW BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

4. WE APPEAL TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHO WOULD CARE TO ASSIST EGYPT IN ITS NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO CONSIDER FAVORABLY JOINING THE NETHERLANDS WITH A VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO THIS UNDP-COORDINATED PLANNING EFFORT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE SUEZ CANAL ZONE.
END QUOTE.

5. PRIOR TO USDEL'S STATEMENT, AMBASSADOR DALE HAD OPPORTUNITY ON JUNE 17 TO INTRODUCE CONGRESSMAN BURKE TO EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR OSMAN. ALSO, DISCUSSION OF COST-SHARING PROJECT BETWEEN CONGRESSMAN BURKE AND EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR PROVIDED TIMELY PRELUDE TO THE CONGRESSMAN'S VISIT TO CAIRO, JUNE 19-22. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR EXCEEDINGLY PLEASED WITH U.S. SUPPORT FOR THIS COST-SHARING ARRANGEMENT, EVEN THOUGH THEY AWARE USG MAKING MAXIMUM EFFORT THROUGH BILATERAL PROGRAM.DALE

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